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Science Center open house, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10



The new academic year has begun, and the campus community - and the public - is invited to take a look at the university's newest landmark when an open house is held at the new science center Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m.

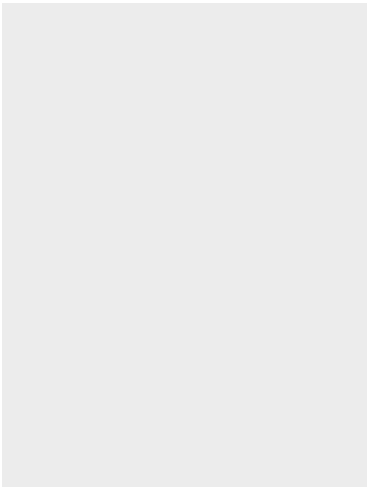
The open house will include a brief speaking program to be followed by refreshments and tours of the 55,000-square-foot building.

The science center, with biology and chemistry laboratories and a greenhouse among its amenities, is adjacent to the Condikey Science Building. The Condikey wing is in the midst of its own year-long makeover and is on schedule for opening in fall 2014.

The campus underwent significant construction during the summer months, from the opening of the new science center to renovation of space within the Conlon Industrial Arts Building in anticipation of the university's new game design major, which launched this semester. Among the many faculty hires made over the summer are two new professors whose courses will be dedicated to the new major.

More than 1,100 new students enrolled at Fitchburg State this fall, making it one of the largest incoming classes in the university's history.

Among the other highlights of the new year:



- Renovations to the campus center at Hammond Hall have also been ongoing, with several remodeled spaces now open. A new game room and meeting spaces are among the improvements.
- The university's information infrastructure has been enhanced, bringing faster wireless Internet connectivity to all corners of the campus.
- The campus has seen a net gain of about 150 parking places thanks to expansion of the Ross Street lot and a reconfiguration of the parking lot at the McKay Complex on Rindge Road. Rindge Road itself has also undergone a facelift over the summer, with new curbs and sidewalks to better connect McKay to the main campus.

Bowen named Executive Vice President/Provost



Robin Bowen

Robin Bowen, who came to Fitchburg State University in 2011 as its vice president for academic affairs, has been promoted to executive vice president/provost, President Antonucci recently announced.

Bowen's major duties will continue to focus on academic affairs, though her responsibilities will now make her second in command for overall administration and leadership at Fitchburg State.

"Dr. Bowen has been an outstanding member of the leadership team at Fitchburg State and I am honored that she will be taking on additional responsibilities at the campus," President Antonucci said. "She has played a pivotal role in moving the institution forward, including the development of our new game design major."

University launches "Fahrenheit 451" community read project

Fitchburg State University has long operated as a cultural resource for the region, bringing national and international performers to the stage, celebrated authors for readings and lectures and talented artists to its galleries.

All of these disciplines will merge this fall, when the CenterStage at Fitchburg State University arts and culture series with

community partners will present a multimedia exploration of the ideas and issues behind Ray Bradbury's celebrated dystopian novel [*Fahrenheit 451*](#) on the 60th anniversary of its publication.



Film screenings, live performances, art exhibitions, panel discussions and a community-wide read-aloud of the novel will form the spine of this unique partnership between Fitchburg State, the Fitchburg Public Library, the Fitchburg Historical Society, Fitchburg Art Museum, Rollstone Studios, the Fitchburg Cultural Alliance, Fitchburg Access Television (FATV) and WPKZ AM-

1280.

Partner schools include the Fitchburg Public Schools and North Central Charter Essential School.

"It is thrilling to bring national artists as well as cutting-edge, emerging artists to our stage and to the community," said Director of CenterStage [Mary Chapin Durling](#). "That part of my work is exhilarating. My heart and passion lie in the community aspects of CenterStage's mission and vision-when I can bring an artist and have that artist authentically connect with the community, or expand a single performance into a month-long, multi-faceted project as we are doing with *Fahrenheit 451*."

In his novel, Bradbury created an imaginary world that would come to pass in our daily lives today. From the technology of flat screen monitors, interactive devices and ear buds to the blurry line between censorship and apathy, Bradbury's work was stunningly prescient.

The month-long *Fahrenheit 451* project begins with a marathon read-aloud of the novel on **Saturday, Sept. 14**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fitchburg Public Library. FATV will record the read-aloud, and the audio track will be broadcast and WPKZ AM-1280.

There will be screenings of Francois Truffaut's adaptation of the novel on **Tuesday, Sept. 17** at 3:30 p.m. at Ellis White Lecture Hall and **Thursday, Sept. 19** at 7 p.m. at the public library, to be followed by conversations about the film and the topics it explores.

The screening on **Sept. 17** at Ellis White will include the university's annual observance of Constitution Day, where panelists will include faculty members George Bohrer (Communications Media), Joseph Moser (English Studies) and Daniel Sarefield (Economics, History and Political Science).

Discussions of the novel will also be held at the Fitchburg State library on **Wednesday, Sept. 18** at 4 p.m. and **Monday, Sept. 23**, at 12:30 p.m., hosted by the library staff. Discussions will also be held at the Fitchburg Public Library on **Thursday, Sept. 19 and 26**, and **Oct. 3, 10 and 17**, all at 12:30 p.m., with community members reading aloud from the book followed by discussions. Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch and beverages will be provided.

The acclaimed Aquila Theatre company of New York will perform Bradbury's own stage adaptation of his novel on **Tuesday, Sept. 24** at 7 p.m. at Weston Auditorium. Using multimedia, the nationally renowned company ignites Bradbury's world where firemen burn books and refugees secretly memorize them. All the while, we are invited to examine that world and our own. The performance is sponsored by Fitchburg Federal/Webster First Federal Credit Union with additional support from MassHumanities, the New England Foundation for the Arts and the Amelia Gallucci-Cirio Endowment at Fitchburg State. The 7 p.m. performance will be preceded by a spotlight talk at 6 p.m. with members of the Aquila Theatre company. There will also be a performance for school groups on **Tuesday, Sept. 24** at 10:30 a.m. Tickets for the performances are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$7 for students 17 and under. Tickets for the school performance are \$5. The Weston Box Office, located inside Weston Auditorium at 130 North St., is open Thursday and Friday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and can be reached at 978-665-3347.

The series will also include presentations about burned books and banned books with Fitchburg State faculty at the Fitchburg Historical Society, as well as workshops on altered books at Rollstone Studios and the Fitchburg Art Museum. A panel discussion on the role of censorship - formal and informal - in today's society will be held **Wednesday, Oct. 16** at 7 p.m. at the Fitchburg Historical Society, moderated by Fitchburg State faculty emerita Shirley Wagner.

The art museum, historical society and Rollstone studios will also host a progressive art exhibition on **Saturday, Oct. 19**. A full schedule of events relative to the *Fahrenheit 451* project will be found online at www.fitchburgstate.edu/f451.

For more information, contact Director of CenterStage Mary Chapin Durling at 978-665-3709 or by email at mdurling@fitchburgstate.edu.

Family Weekend coming Sept. 27-29



Fitchburg State will celebrate [Family Weekend](#) Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 29. Among the highlights will be the performance by '80s cover band Rubix Kube on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Tickets for Rubix Kube are \$5 for Fitchburg State students and children under 10; \$10 for family, faculty/staff and Fitchburg State alumni; and \$20 for the public, at the door.

Rubix Kube is taking the universe by storm as the most original '80s tribute band of all time. They perform a one-of-a-kind '80s concert across the planet and to galaxies far, far away. The Kube

Rubix Kube will play the music of the '80s on Sept. 28. is more than just a cover band - it's a totally awesome experience! Every super charged show takes it to the max and guarantees to set the roof on fire and burn down the house.

Full details on Family Weekend activities are available online at www.fitchburgstate.edu/osd/familyweekend.

ALFA Food for Thought lecture series resumes this month



Fitchburg State University's Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area ([ALFA](#)) program kicks off its fall [Food for Thought](#) lecture series with a discussion of the

modern history of Israel.

"Israel: A View from Another Perspective" will be offered at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Admission is free and open to the public.

The talk will be given by Donald O. Long, pastor of Faith Christian Church on Boutelle Street in Fitchburg and the current Massachusetts director of Christians United for Israel. The talk will seek to provide historical context for understanding competing contemporary views between nation-states of the world. The conflicts in the Middle East, especially regarding the state of Israel, must be understood in the historical context as well as in light of the 20th century. This presentation will take these two historical points of view into consideration in order to gain an understanding of the opposing claims over the land of Israel.

The Food for Thought lecture series continues with "Learning from Loons: Lead, Health and the Environment," which will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 2:30 p.m. at Kent Recital Hall in the Conlon Fine Arts Building, 367 North St. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dr. Mark Pokras, associate professor of wildlife medicine, former director of the Tufts Wildlife Clinic and one of the founders of the Tufts Center for Conservation Medicine, will give the lecture.

Lead poisoning is a huge problem for people, wildlife and domestic animals. This presentation will review our knowledge about biological and ecological effects of lead in a wide variety of domestic and wildlife from cows to condors to earthworms. Our current state of knowledge on the toxicity of lead and its behavior in the environment, including the effects on wildlife, humans, and domestic animals will be examined. We will also discuss the importance of bringing together all interest groups to find safe alternatives, to develop new educational and policy

initiatives, to eliminate many current uses of lead, and to clean up existing problems.

About ALFA

ALFA is a lifelong learning institute that offers courses and activities designed and implemented in coordination with the professional staff at Fitchburg State University. ALFA provides an opportunity for lifelong learners with similar interests to meet in an informal setting and pursue learning for enrichment and personal growth. ALFA is sponsored by the Center for Professional Studies and the Office of Graduate and Continuing Education at Fitchburg State, in collaboration with volunteer representatives of the community.

For more information on the lecture series and the ALFA program, visit <http://fitchburgstate.edu/offices/community-outreach/alfa/alfa-food-for-thought-lecture-series/>.

Teaching opportunities in GCE for winter/spring sessions

The office of [Graduate and Continuing Education](#) is currently accepting requests from faculty to teach for the upcoming 2014 winter session and spring semester. Faculty members interested in teaching should contact the appropriate department chair for approval. All courses offered in the 2014 winter session will again be offered totally online in order to eliminate the challenges of winter weather in an accelerated session, save commuting expenses, reduce energy costs on campus, and provide access to winter session courses for students unable to travel to campus during the winter break.

The deadline for submission of course schedules to GCE is Friday, September 27. Please feel free to contact [Brian Bercier](#), Associate Dean, with any questions.

Student nurses participate in annual skills fair



Several junior nursing students participated in the Nashoba Nursing Service and Hospice/Nashoba Associate Boards of Health skills fair in April. The event was held at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall in Shirley.

The event included multiple education tables for employee interaction in a Round Robin fashion. Tables at the event included Infection Control, Hospice, Body Mechanics & Low Level Laser Treatment (LLLT), OASIS and Outcomes, Hands on IV station, Medical Orders for Life- Sustaining

Treatment (MOLST) and Written Information Security Program (WISP) and Confidentiality.

Under the direction of Business Development Manager Kathleen Hubbard, RN, BSN, a graduate of Fitchburg State University's nursing program, along with Fitchburg State nursing faculty Nancy Duphily and Lola Meskauskas, junior nursing students participated in the event, presenting the following Maternal Child Health education tables: Post-Partum Assessment, Newborn Assessment, Breastfeeding and Shaken Baby Syndrome.

The board recognized Fitchburg State nursing students Kirstie Barry, Jennifer Esau, Rachel Fishman, Ashley Flinkstrom, Megan Godfrey, Haley Harkenrider, Jordan Haslock, Lisa Kendrick, Taylor Martinelli, Emily McGeney, Martha Namatende, Kristina Rapsomanikis, Sarah Schallmo, Shannon Wheeler, Carissa Williams, and Zachary Wright for supporting the agency's mission.

Attendees remarked that the students' contributions provided a valuable opportunity for employees to receive current education regarding the education of and outreach to pregnant and

parenting families in the community.

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